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COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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- (a) there may not be other good reasons for the patentability of the allowed claims, and other claims:
 - (b) the examiner's characterization of the claims here is correct and complete;
- (c) the practical application of the invention stated by the examiner is the correct or only such a practical application of the invention;
- (d) the examples in the specification cited by the examiner as support for the statement of the practical application of the invention are correct or only such examples; or
- (e) the scope of the claims is limited by the passages of the specification cited by the examiner and/or the practical application of the invention stated by the examiner.

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